Embryome Web site available to California Researchers

CIRM has sponsored a subscription on the new embryome.com database allowing all California-based stem cell researchers to have access to the full complement of features on the web site and to participate actively in developing the embryome map. Part of the International Embryome Initiative, the web site was launched last week by BioTime, Inc.

To access the web site go to www.embryome.com, click on "database" and then log in as a "new user" and check the box that says "California Researcher."

The initiative's goal is to create a systematic map of all the cell types derived from human embryonic stem cells. It seeks to assist scientists navigating the complexities of stem cell differentiation by fostering the creation of accepted standards for markers that distinguish cell types along the spectrum of differentiation. CIRM expects the site to be a useful resource for California scientists. The site launched with nearly 2,000 distinct cell types.